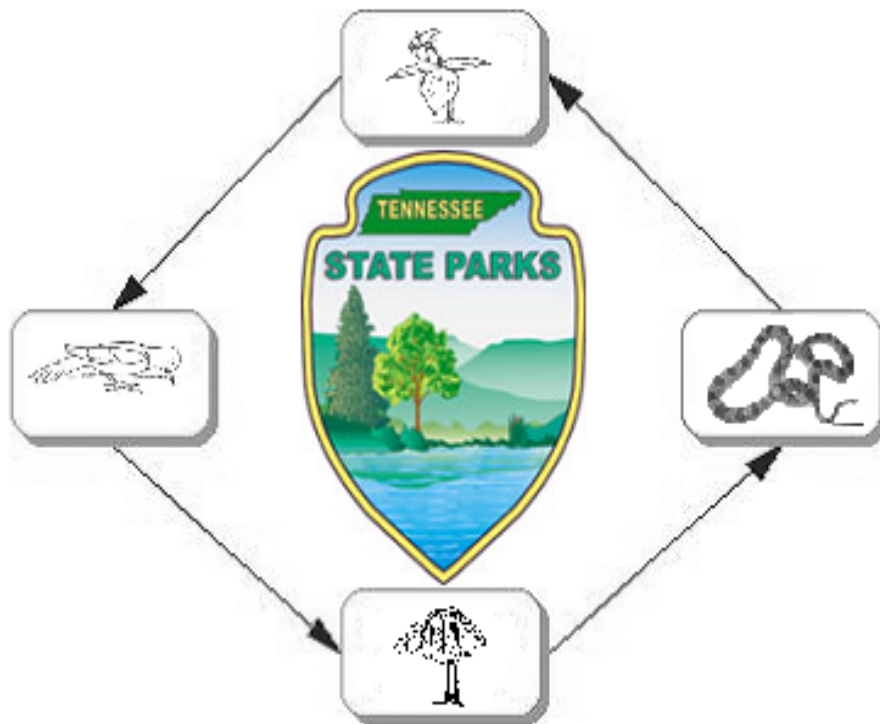


STANDING STONE STATE PARK'S

NATURALIST RALLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2004



Sponsored by:

The Friends of Standing Stone State Park

President – Charles Smith
Vice- President – Angela Hassler

Schedule of Events

All events are free with the exception of lunch and dinner.

(All programs will be held rain or shine if at all possible!)

<p>7:00 AM -- Registration</p> <p>(Recreational Hall)</p> <p>All participants who register will be eligible for the drawing of free prizes!</p>
<p>7:30 AM – Welcome from Park Personnel & Friends of Standing Stone Representatives</p> <p>(Recreational Hall)</p>
<p>7:45 AM – Birding: Gail A. Miller and friends Terry Campbell, Mack Prichard, and Sherlene Spicer, along with possible others will lead this walk into the woods of the Park to help you identify local and migrating bird species. Bring your binoculars and field guides. Meet at Shelter #1.</p>
<p>9:00 AM – Invasive Exotic Plants with the TN Exotic Plant Council. Learn about the many common exotic plants growing along Tennessee road sides and even in our gardens that are invasive and threatening the habitats of our native plant species. Also learn what you can do to promote native plants in your community as well as your own back yard. Guaranteed to change how you look at the world around you. Meet at Park Tea Room.</p>

Schedule of Events - continued –

10:00 AM

Annual Wildflower Walk: Join Ray Jordan, Associate Professor of Biology at Tennessee Technological University and others on a hike to view some of the most beautiful native wildflower species in Standing Stone State Park. Meet at Shelter #1.

10:00 AM

The “Wild-side” Wildflower Walk: Discover wildflowers in remote areas of Standing Stone. Join Mary Lynn Dodson, Sherelene Spicer, and friends on an easy hike near Overton Lodge. Meet at Shelter #2 and carpool to the Overton Lodge.

12:00 PM – Lunch Break: Taste some of the best barbecue around! Dale Hollow BBQ will be located in the Park Tea Room offering barbecue, hamburgers, garden/veggie burgers, and more. *All participants are responsible for purchasing meals.*

1:00 PM – Native Plants with LinnAnn Welch, TN State Biologist. Not sure if it’s a Firepink or a Cardinal Flower? Join LinnAnn as she helps us to learn the basics in native plant identification and to understand the importance of our local native plant species. Meet at Park Tea Room.

2:00 PM – Wildflower Folklore Walk: Myths, Edibles, & Medicines: Join Mary Lynn Dodson and friends for a fun, enlightening look at the park’s beautiful wildflowers. Did you know that Blood Root exudes an orangish-red sap when picked that was used in ceremonies and also used as body paint by Native Americans? Learn more about the ornamental, ceremonial, and medicinal uses of Blood Root and other native plants. Meet at Park Recreational Hall.

Schedule of Events - continued –

3:00 PM – Reptile Presentation: Join Ray Jordan, Tennessee Technological University's Herpetological Professor & Membership Secretary of the Tennessee Herpetological Society for a look at some of Tennessee's most misunderstood creatures. Meet at Park Recreational Hall

4:00 PM – Wildflowers of Tennessee Slideshow: Jack Carman, author of Tennessee's first color photographic field guide of state wildflowers, *WILDFLOWERS OF TENNESSEE*, will present a program on Tennessee Wildflowers. Signed copies of his captivating book will be for sale. Meet at Park Tea Room

5:30 PM – Dinner Break: Here is your second chance to taste some of the best barbecue around! Dale Hollow BBQ will be located in the Park Tea Room offering barbecue, hamburgers, garden /veggie burgers, and more. *All participants are responsible for purchasing meals.*

6:30 PM – Nature of the Cumberlands: Join State Naturalist, Mack Prichard as he presents a slide-show, which views the history and nature of the North Cumberlands. A MUST SEE EVENT! Meet at Park Tea Room.

Features



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Jack Carman – Jack Carman was born in Mississippi and graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He is employed as an Engineer Specialist by Sverdrup Technology Inc. and has been a Tennessee resident since 1963.

Mr. Carman's vast knowledge of Tennessee wildflowers is recognized by both peers and professionals. Mr. Carman has been appropriately acknowledged recently due to his beautiful wildflower images presented in his book, *Wildflowers of Tennessee*, which is a result of his long-time interest in nature photography and wildflower identification. Many of his photographs have received numerous awards and appeared in several calendars. In addition, his articles and images have been published in the *Tennessee Conservationist* and *Tennessee Wildlife* magazines.

Features



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Mack Prichard

Currently Tennessee's State Naturalist for the division of state parks, Mack Prichard has also served as Park Naturalist, State Archaeologist, Education Specialist, and Natural Areas Administrator. For the past thirty-nine years, he has traveled more than a million miles across Tennessee, made some 20,000 photographs of the state, and spoken to at least 2,500 audiences urging conservation and exuding a love of nature. A native of West Tennessee, Mack is a founding member of thirty conservation organizations in the state, and he has received numerous awards for his conservation leadership. Few people are more intimately acquainted with the wonders of Tennessee than Mack Prichard.

<http://www.friendsofscsra.org/campaign/Campaign%20Book.pdf>

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Special Thanks to Ray Jordan

Thank you for your continued support of interpretive and community programming at Standing Stone State Park!



Ray Jordan earned his bachelor's degree from Tennessee Tech and a master's degree from the University of Arkansas. He joined the Tennessee Technological University faculty in 1965. Currently, Mr. Jordan is an Associate Professor of Biology at Tennessee Technological University. Mr. Jordan has inspired many students to achieve their goals and was awarded the Tennessee Education Association 1997 Distinguished Higher Education Classroom Teacher Award. Mr. Jordan has also served as local TEA Chapter President, TEA Board Member and TEA and National Education Association delegate.

How to Find Us: Take exit 288 off I-40 (Livingston/Sparta exit), Highway 111 North to Livingston, Highway 52 West to the entrance of the park, Highway 136 is the main park road.

About STANDING STONE STATE PARK: Standing Stone State Park covers nearly 11,000 acres on the Cumberland Plateau of north-central Tennessee. The quaint and rustic park is noted for its outstanding scenery, spring wildflowers, fossils and other natural diversity. The park takes its name from the Standing Stone, an eight-foot tall rock standing upright on a sandstone ledge, which was supposedly used as a boundary line between two separate Indian nations. When the rock fell, the Indians placed a portion of it upon an improvised monument to preserve it. The stone is still preserved in Monterey, Tennessee.

Standing Stone State Park also has many recreational opportunities including fishing and boating on the 69 acre park lake, a swimming pool, tennis, basketball, ping-pong, marbles, horseshoes, volleyball, and softball. There are ten miles of hiking trails winding through the wild woods of Standing Stone. Hikers will observe much diversity in plant and animal life from the trails as they trek across bridges. Trails are open year round. Over night camping is not allowed on any of the trails. Standing Stone offers a 36-site campground and many different cabins to rent.

For more information call the Park Interpretive Specialist, Shawn Hughes at 931-823-6347, 1-800-713-5157, or Angela Hassler at 823-6260, or please visit our website:

[Http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/StandingStone/](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/parks/StandingStone/)

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